

June 18, 1975 Wednesday

Dear Vickie and Jim,

Thank you for the nice newsy letter which came a couple of days ago. How wonderful that you sold your house. The real estate company didn't do a very good job of it. The couple who bought it certainly are getting a bargain. It is such a beautiful home that they are very lucky to get it, at least we hope the deal will go through. Mary and Mike have decided against their house as the mortgage company could not lower the ten percent down payment and after thinking of all the several disadvantages of the property they decided not to take it. They don't need such a big house, and they are going to keep looking for something else. Mary would like to be in a house by Christmas time.

I hope the job opportunity works out the way you want it to. It sounds like it would be very interesting, Vickie. Mary knows just how you feel about taking a typing test. She said she has taken several of them and she is always so nervous that she can hardly type. Take a tranquillizer and maybe that will help.

The weather has been rainy all week so Ruthie and Jack have a good week to be in Hawaii. Jeannie has the children and she is getting pretty frustrated by now as it has been too wet for the children to play outside. Gary and Patti have separated again and Gary said it is for good this time. They have been married for seven years.

Dad heard on the news that Doctor Howard Davis was sueing the Oregon State University for not renewing his contract. It must be the same Howard Davis you know.

Mike Riddell and his family are here for a month. Dad saw his father in Ernst Hardware the other day. He said Mike was a little bored because everyone was working and he wanted someone to play golf with him.

The Donnelly's are coming over for dinner and bridge Saturday night.

Then last night Mary called to see if we could keep the baby all week-end as they have a chance to go up to Ross Dam and all around there and stay in a lodge and we are so happy to have her go on a little trip that we are glad to have the baby from Friday until Monday. Dad is a big help when the baby is here and although she might interrupt the bridge until she goes to bed I think it will work out fine. We usually have the baby week-ends. Last Saturday night Mary and Mike went to a dance in Renton which was all black people as they have a friend who is black and he invited them. The mayor of Renton was there also and he and his wife and Mary and Mike were the only whites there. They had a good time. The music was rock and Mary said it was so loud it was hard to do any visiting. Someone found out how to get into the cabin in spite of the unusual lock we have on it. With a screw driver they just take off the whole thing that is attached to the door, so they don't have to have a key. As long as the cabin isn't vandalized it really doesn't matter who gets in. We plan to go up over the 4th of July week-end. Maybe I will bring the baby. I hope you won some money in Los Vegas, Jimmy. I have never been there. I am going to get to work now and then go to the post office and mail this.

Love,

Mom.